

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2453
PATENT
Application 10/748,955
Attorney Docket 2001-0341 (1014-045)

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the consideration provided to this application, and respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

The Examiner is further thanked for indicating that each of claims 2 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Each of claims 1, 2, 19, and 20 has been amended for at least one reason unrelated to patentability, including at least one of: to explicitly present one or more elements, limitations, phrases, terms and/or words implicit in the claim as originally written when viewed in light of the specification, thereby not narrowing the scope of the claim; to detect infringement more easily; to enlarge the scope of infringement; to cover different kinds of infringement (direct, indirect, contributory, induced, and/or importation, etc.); to expedite the issuance of a claim of particular current licensing interest; to target the claim to a party currently interested in licensing certain embodiments; to enlarge the royalty base of the claim; to cover a particular product or person in the marketplace; and/or to target the claim to a particular industry.

Claims 1-20 are now pending in this application. Each of claims 1-20 is in independent form.

The Obviousness Rejections

Each of claims 1, 3-13, and 15-20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious, and thus unpatentable, over various combinations of U.S. Publication 2004/0004968 ("Nassar"), U.S. Publication 2003/0148777 ("Watanabe"), U.S. Patent 6,374,307 ("Ristau"), U.S. Patent 6,028,984 ("Kimball"), U.S. Publication 2002/0095501 ("Chiloyan"), U.S. Patent 7,088,677 ("Burst, Jr."), U.S. Publication 2002/0131123 ("Clark"), U.S. Patent 6,938,079 ("Anderson") and/or U.S. Patent 6,028,984 ("Nonomura").

Each of these rejections is respectfully traversed.

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Without acquiescing to the present Office Action's position, each of these rejections is respectfully traversed as moot in light of the current amendment to the corresponding claim. Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in clear condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

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